



MEETING SUMMARY

CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2013
TRIBAL AC – TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT PLANNING MEETING
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
CCP LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, 815 S STREET SACRAMENTO, CA

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

1. Finalize formal invitations
2. Work on targeted invitation list.
3. Develop design teams.
4. Confirm participation protocols.

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Welcome and Introductions

Stephanie Lucero, Tribal facilitator, reviewed the agenda for the day. After an opening prayer, introductions were made around the room and on the phone.

Fund-raising Report

Ron Goode, TWS funding coordinator, provided an update on the fund-raising effort. He reviewed the list of sponsors and potential sponsors for the 2009 TWS, which will serve as the starting base for fund-raising for the TWS. It was noted that contributions of any kind will receive a receipt.

ACTION ITEM: Connect with Leslie Cleveland.

ACTION ITEM: Ron to send Joetta's email (process receipts) and forward the donation letter.



Media Outreach

It was recommended that an initial “information” article be provided to Indian Country News and other Tribal outlets. Links to the 2009 TWS should be provided, as well as links to the 2013 TWS webpage. This is a good venue to reach Tribal leaders, council members and many agency executives – many of whom review or scan Indian Country News.

ACTION ITEM: John Covington with work with Stephanie Lucero and Judie Talbot to develop and article for Indian Country News.

ACTION ITEM: Connect with National Congress of American Indians to see if there is interest in carrying a TWS in their newsletter or website.

ACTION ITEM: Identify other potential outlets for sharing information on the Summit.

Finalize Formal Invitations

Planning team members carefully reviewed the formal invitations that were drafted for DWR Executive Review, prior to being sent to the Resources Agency Secretary. The planning team members agreed that the letters looked good. There was a suggestion to add a link to the webpage for the 2013 TWS.

The process for moving the invitations forward is that they will go to Director Cowin for approval and then be sent over to Secretary Laird’s office for signature. The agenda will be sent out as an attachment to the invitations. This will go to the Governor’s scheduling office for consideration to add to his calendar.

Targeted Invitations

Formal invitations will be sent out to the following entities:

- all California Native American Tribes
- State agencies with water resources, planning and management
- select Federal agencies working with water and/or Tribal issues

A worksheet was provided to help brainstorm appropriate invitees for Federal agencies. The proposed list of invitees is as follows – with some representatives still needing to be identified:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Headquarters – Donald “Del” Laverdure, Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region Office – Amy Dutschke, Regional Director
- Bureau of Land Management, California State Office – James Kenna, State Director
- Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region – Donald Glaser, Regional Director
- Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region – Bill Steele, Southern California Area Office Manager



- Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division – Colonel Mike Wehr, Commander
- Department of Interior, Headquarters – Ken Salazar, Secretary
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region – Ren Lohofener, Regional Director
- US Forest Service, Headquarters – Tom Tidwell, Chief
- US Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region – Randy Moore, Regional Forester
- US Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region – Fred Clark, Director of Office of Tribal Relations
- US Geological Survey, Southwest Area – Mark Sogge, Acting Regional Executive
- Indian Health Service, California Area Office – Margo Kerrigan, Area Director
- National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Regional Office – Rodney McInnis, Administrator
- Natural Resource Conservation Service, California State Office – Jeff Burwell, Acting State Conservationist
- National Park Service, Pacific West Region – Christine Lehnertz, Regional Director

There were discussions and suggestions to invite the following Federal agencies:

- ✓ FEMA
- ✓ FERC
- ✓ DOE
- ✓ US EPA
- ✓ Department of State

Other proposed invitees include:

- ✓ Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, Executive Director – Ken Wiseman
- ✓ California Attorney General's Office – Kamala Harris, Attorney General
- ✓ California Attorney General's Office – Olin Jones, Director, Office of Native American Affairs
- ✓ National Congress of American Indians – Malia Villegas, Director, Policy Research Center

ACTION ITEM: Follow up on Department of Defense involvement – comments were made about the Western Regional Partnership and “three Mikes.”

ACTION ITEM: On TWS webpage, have link of invitees.

Comment: Be mindful that this will follow fall elections. Consider inviting key players from legislature.



TWS Content

Indigenous Rights to Water

Two documents were introduced to TWS Planning Team members, which had been developed the previous day at the Tribal AC teleconference session:

- List of TWS deliverables relating to Indigenous Rights to Water
- Concept Map of topics associated with Indigenous Rights to Water

There was discussion around whether the title should say “Aboriginal Rights” or “Indigenous Rights.” Comments were made that the term aboriginal has some connotations with Australian Tribes. It was also noted the Summit will reference the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and it would be helpful to have consistent terminology.

A few minor refinements were made to the list of deliverables.

There was a question as to whether the deliverables for Indigenous Rights to Water should be reflected in the invitations. After discussion, it was agreed that the invitation currently identifies broad TWS deliverables (e.g. facilitating a dialog of mutual respect and partnerships). A new sentence was added to the invitation: “At the Summit, participants will work to identify implementation strategies for moving forward on the themes discussed at the 2009 and 2013 Tribal Water Summits.”

A key deliverable at the Summit is a non-binding resolution to work together to move forward on these three themes.

ACTION ITEM: Develop deliverables for the two other TWS themes.

The discussion on the concept map concluded that it was a helpful presentation for understanding the topics areas of concerns. Suggestions resulted in renaming two of the concept “bubbles” and in beginning to show relationships between the concepts.

Agenda

The draft agenda will be accompanying the formal invitations. Participants reviewed the agenda and made changes to the morning sessions on Day 1 – a Summit Overview will be provide at 10:40 a.m. and a Plenary Speaker will be scheduled for 11 a.m.

ACTION ITEM: Kimberly Johnston-Dodds will see if a UN representative will speak about the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



Participation Protocols

It was noted that the 2009 Tribal Water Summit adopted a less formal approach to RSVPs and was open to Tribal interests. The 2013 TWS is more formally structured as a Summit. After discussion, it was agreed that the Summit would have two categories of RSVPs: the first category will be for leadership (Tribal leaders, agency executives and invited staff associated with Tribes or agencies); the second category will be a waitlist for other Tribal and agency interests. Those on the waitlist will be notified two weeks in advance of the Summit, as to whether or not there is space for their participation.

ACTION ITEM: Establish two RSVP categories for the Summit registration page.

TWS Work Plan

A TWS Work Plan was circulated to Planning Team members for review. Activities were identified for the following categories:

- Initial planning
- Logistics
- Media/Outreach
- Financial
- Content
- Post-Summit
- Follow-up
- Other

Design Teams

Design Team leads were identified for each of the three key theme areas:

- Indigenous Rights to Water: Paula Britton and Atta Stevenson
- Tribal Ecological Knowledge: Kimberly-Johnston Dodds
- Watershed Management and Land Use: Julie Griffith-Flatter

Design Team members need to be identified for both Tribal and agency participation.

ACTION ITEM: Identify potential Design Team members by September 4.

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Attendance

Jared Dahl Aldern, Prescott College

Ron Goode, North Fork Mono Tribe

Julie Griffith-Flatter, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

William Speer, Shasta Indian Nation

Atta Stevenson, California Indian Water Commission

Emily Alejandrino, DWR Tribal Coordinator Work Team Lead

Kimberley Johnston-Dodds, DWR Tribal Liaison

Via Webinar

Michelle LaPena, Dry Creek Rancheria

Tina Mokhtarzadeh, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Cliff Raley, Table Mountain Rancheria

Caleen Sisk, Shasta Indian Nation

Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Tribe

Facilitation Team: Stephanie Lucero, Tribal Facilitator; Judie Talbot, facilitation support; Center for Collaborative Policy, CSU Sacramento